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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO CHAIRMAN ZHIVKOV'S INVITATION.

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO CHAIRMAN TODOR ZHIVKOV: BEGIN QUOTE:

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 17, 1974, WHICH WAS CONVEYED BY DEPUTY CHAIRMAN IVAN POPOV. YOUR WARM EXPRESSION OF GOOD WISHES IS APPRECIATED.

IN MY OPINION, PROFESSOR POPOV'S VISIT TO THIS COUNTRY MADE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. I WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT DURING THE VISIT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE BULGARIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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WAS SIGNED.

I APPRECIATE YOUR INVITATION TO VISIT THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA. WHILE MY SCHEDULE IS SUCH THAT I
CANNOT MAKE A COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME, I WILL CERTAINLY
KEEP YOUR INVITATION IN MIND IN THE HOPE THAT I MAY BE ABLE
TO ACCEPT AT A LATER DATE.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END QUOTE.

2. S/S-I HAS AIRPOUCHED ORIGINAL TO EMBASSY.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE THIS MESSAGE BUT
HAS NO OBJECTIONS IF GOB WISHES TO DO SO.

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